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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATIES: LETTER FROM GUYANA'S PRIME
MINISTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: (A) STATE 205707, (B) GEORGETOWN 2030, (C) GEORGETOWN 2069

1. I HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER
BURNHAM TO PRESIDENT CARTER DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1977.

QUOTE:

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I AM MOST CONSCIOUS OF AND GRATEFUL FOR THE COURTESY AND
HONOUR OF YOUR INVITATION TO ME TO WITNESS THE SIGNING OF
THE TREATIES REPRESENTING THE NEW AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
ON THE PANAMA CANAL, ON SEPTEMBER 7TH.

AS I EXPLAINED TO YOUR CHARGE, HOWEVER, CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT
PERMIT MY ACCEPTING THE KIND INVITATION. I THEREFORE
PROPOSE THAT GUYANA BE REPRESENTED BY MY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER,
COMRADE PTOLEMY REID AND MY FOREIGN MINISTER, COMRADE
FREDERICK R. WILLS.

MAY I ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS A SOURCE OF PLEASURE AND RELIEF
THAT AFTER 13 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
CONCERNED HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AND I REGRET
NOT BEING PRESENT AT SUCH A HISTORIC OCCASION.

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I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN OBTAINING SENATE APPROVAL
OF THE TREATIES AND TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND ON
BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUYANA, SENTIMENTS OF REAL
FRIENDSHIP TO THE GREAT PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

CO-OPERATIVELY YOUR,

L.F.S. BURNHAM
PRIME MINISTER

END QUOTE.
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